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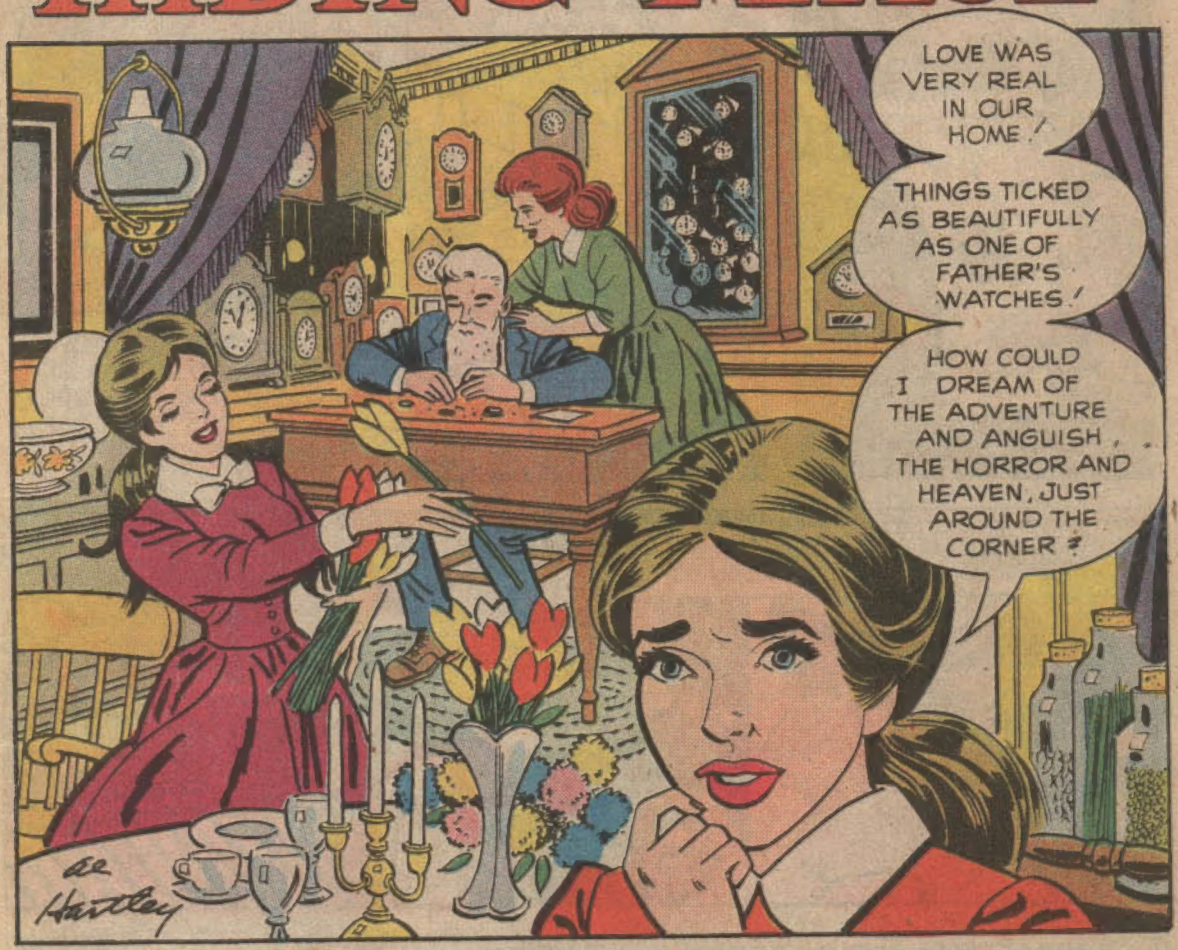
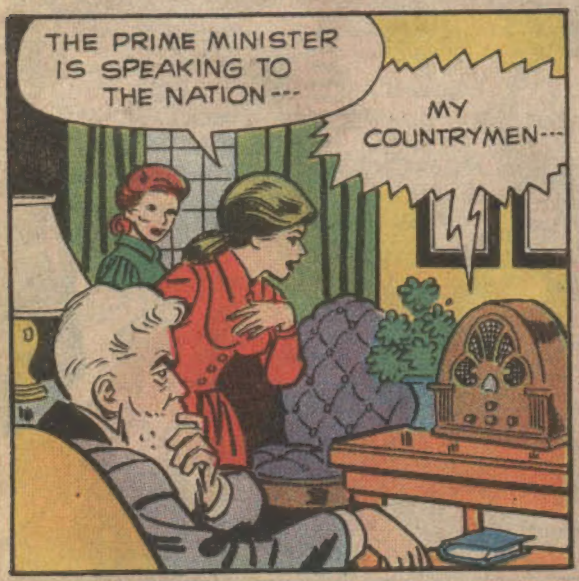
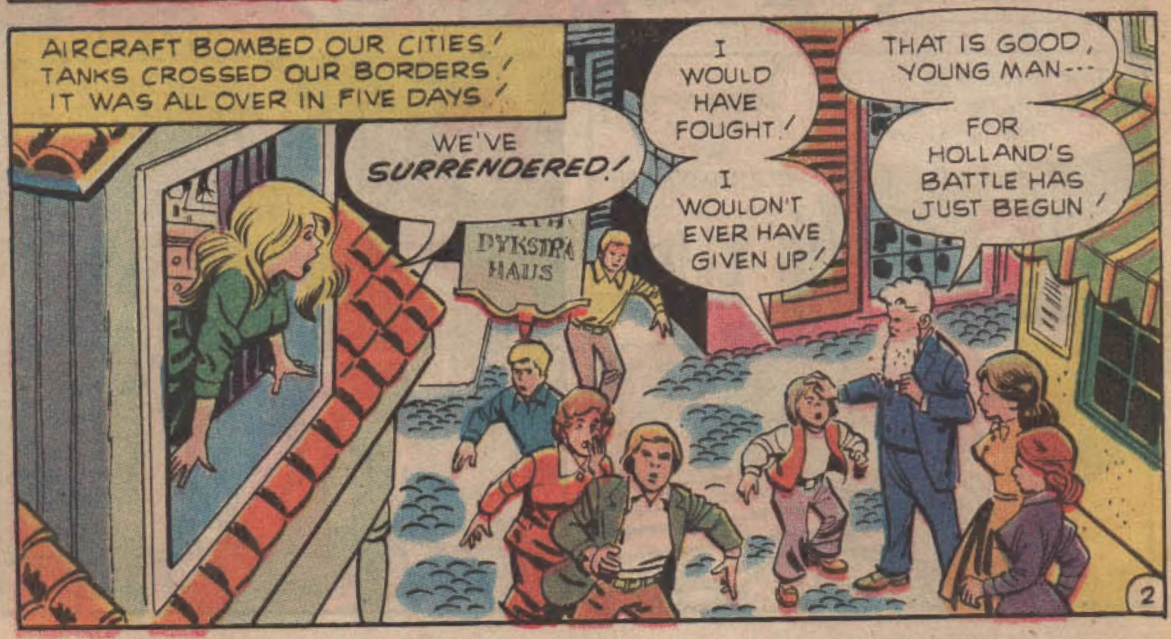
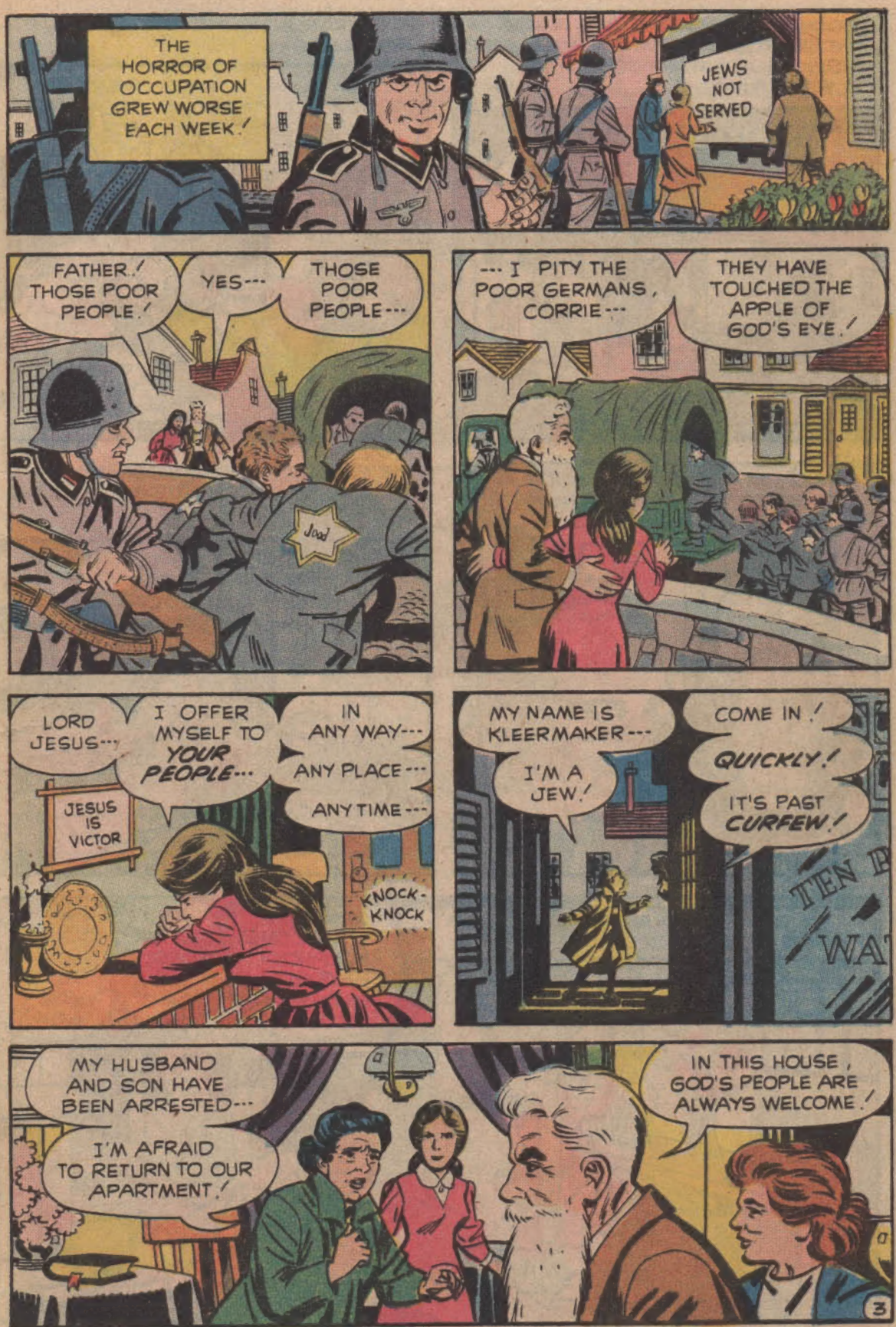




AS FATHER READ FROM THE BIBLE, GOD SEALED THE WORDS TO MY HEART! FOR HE ALONE COULD SEE THE FUTURE!




THE HORROR OF OCCUPATION GREW WORSE EACH WEEK.!
JEWS NOT SERVED
FATHER.! THOSE POOR PEOPLE.!
YES---
THOSE POOR PEOPLE---
Jood
--- I PITY THE POOR GERMANS, CORRIE---
THEY HAVE TOUCHED THE APPLE OF GOD'S EYE.!
LORD JESUS---
I OFFER MYSELF TO YOUR PEOPLE---
IN ANY WAY---
ANY PLACE---
ANY TIME---
JESUS IS VICTOR
KNOCK-KNOCK
MY NAME IS KLEERMAKER---
I'M A JEW.!
COME IN.!
QUICKLY.!
IT'S PAST CURFEW.!
MY HUSBAND AND SON HAVE BEEN ARRESTED---
I'M AFRAID TO RETURN TO OUR APARTMENT.!
IN THIS HOUSE, GOD'S PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.!
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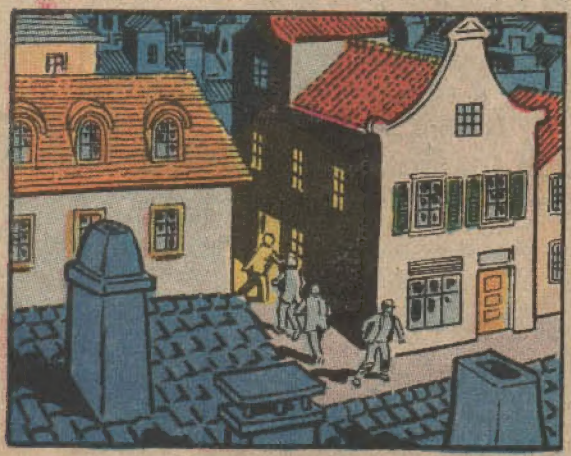
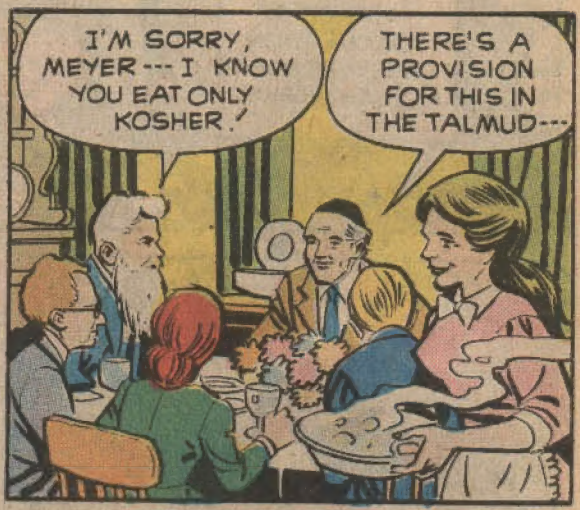
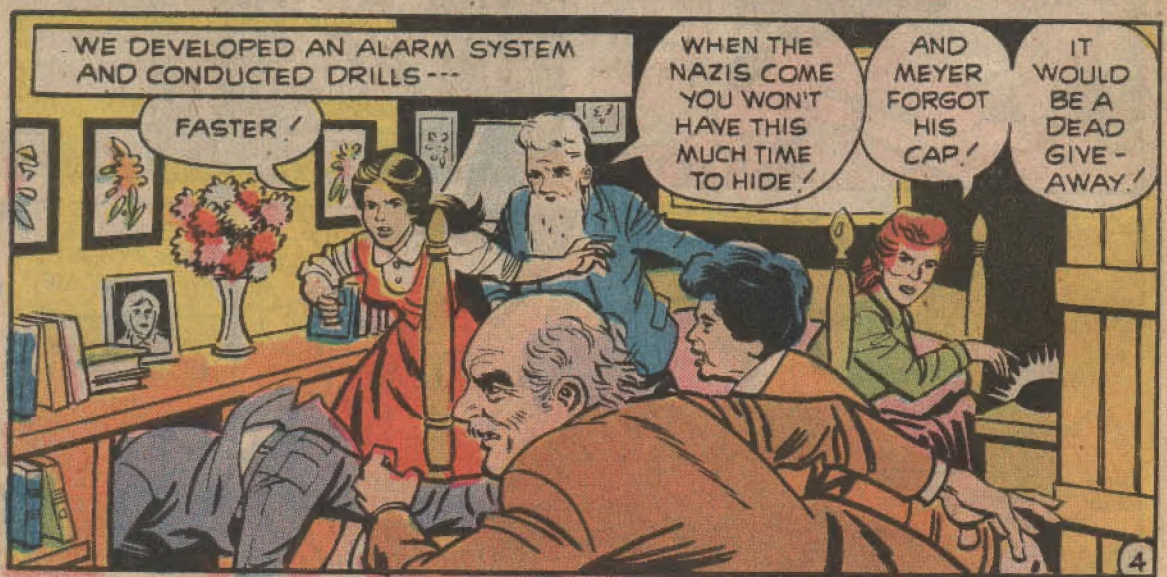
SOON OUR TINY HOME WAS A HUB OF UNDERGROUND ACTIVITY! WE WERE HIDING A CONSTANT STREAM OF HUNTED PEOPLE!



FOOD RATIONING PRESENTED REAL PROBLEMS---



THE GESTAPO WAS NOW SEARCHING ALL HOMES FOR JEWS--- SO WE BUILT A SECRET ROOM!



LATE ONE NIGHT I HEARD OUR JEWISH FRIENDS RUSHING INTO THE SECRET ROOM.!
BUT THIS TIME IT WASN'T A DRILL.!
WHERE ARE YOU HIDING THE JEWS?
WHERE IS YOUR SECRET ROOM?
TALK.!
LORD JESUS.!
PROTECT ME.!
IF YOU SAY THAT NAME AGAIN, I'LL KILL YOU.!
HOLD.!
TAKE THEM AWAY.!
WE KNOW THERE'S A SECRET ROOM HERE.! AND EIGHT JEWS ARE IN IT.!
WE'LL SET A GUARD AROUND THE HOUSE TILL THEY'VE ALL TURNED TO MUMMIES.!
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DID YOU HAVE TO BRING THIS OLD GOAT?
I'M GOING TO SEND YOU HOME OLD FELLOW!
I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD THAT YOU WON'T CAUSE ANY MORE TROUBLE!
IF I GO HOME TODAY---
I WILL OPEN MY DOOR TOMORROW TO ANY MAN IN NEED WHO KNOCKS!
GET BACK IN LINE!
WOMEN PRISONERS---
FOLLOW ME!
FATHER!
GOD BE WITH YOU!
AND WITH YOU, MY DAUGHTERS!
BETSIE, I---
SILENCE!
PRISONERS WILL NOT SPEAK!
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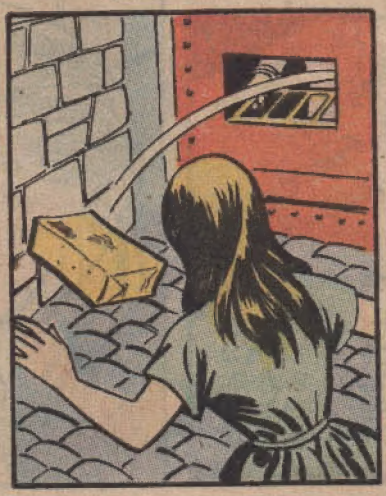
WE WERE SEPARATED.! I WAS ALONE IN A FILTHY, SOUR CELL.!

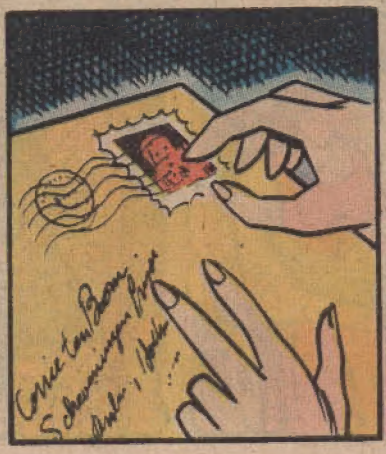
COULD THIS BE PART OF THE PATTERN FIRST REVEALED IN THE GOSPELS?

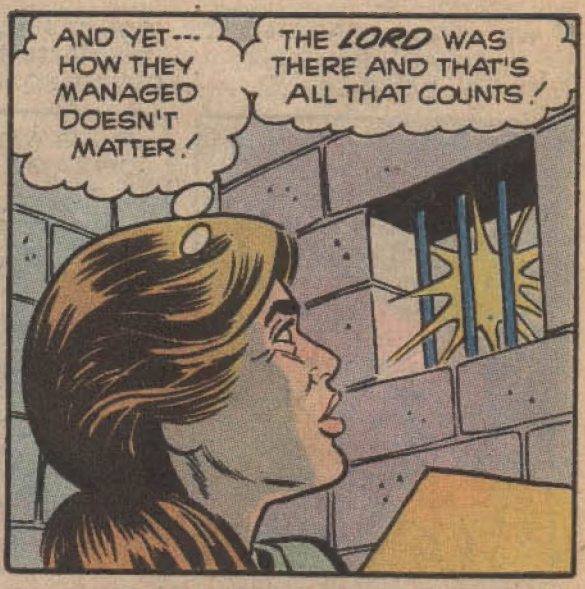
WEEKS PASSED--- AND THEN---



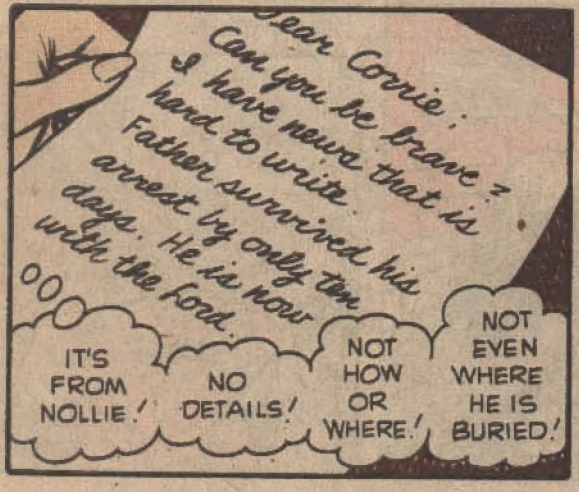
A PACKAGE FROM MY SISTER NOLLIE WHO HAD ESCAPED THE RAID ON OUR HOME.!

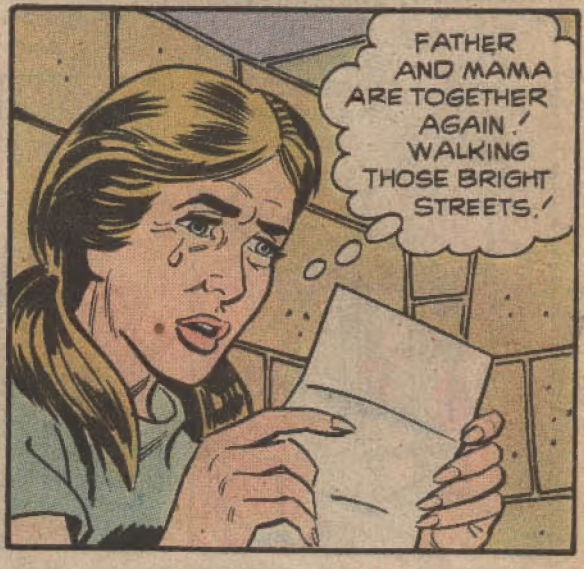
I MOISTENED THE PAPER AND GINGERLY WORKED THE STAMP FREE.!





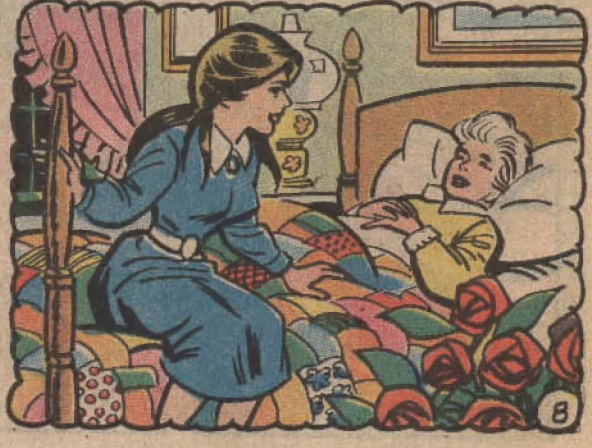
MORE WEEKS PASSED AND THEN A LETTER ARRIVED---

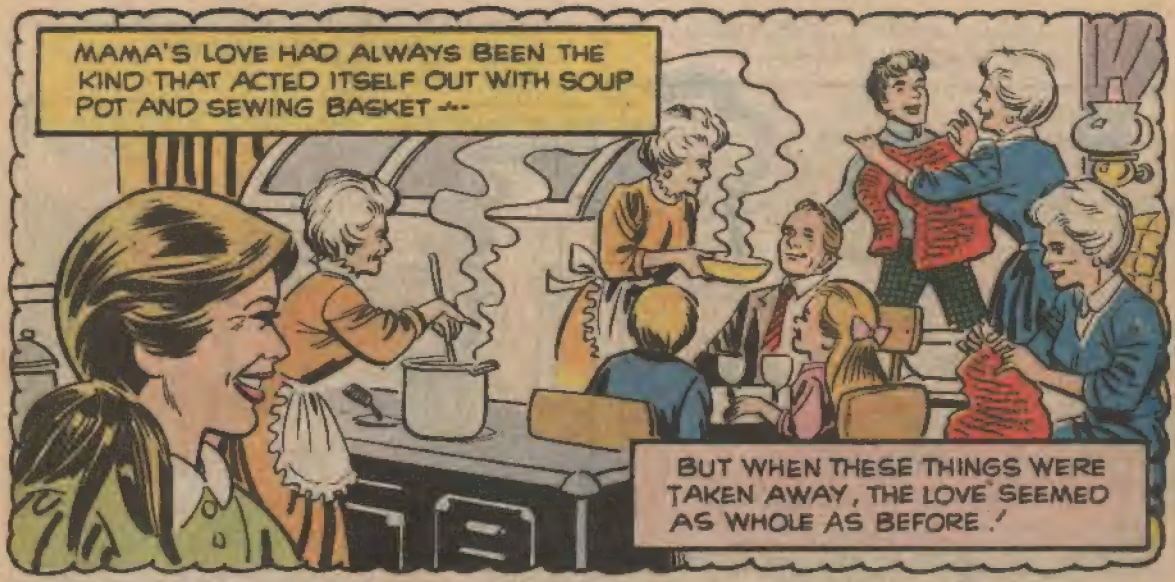


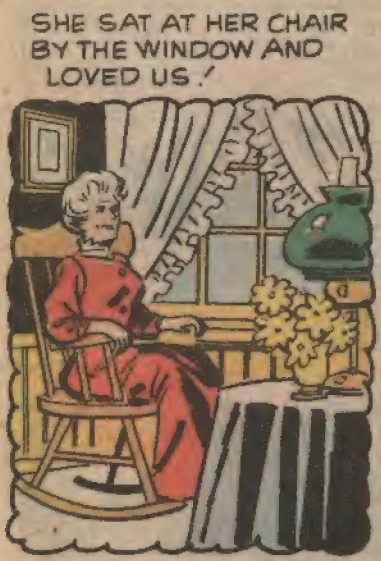


I THOUGHT OF DEAR FATHER WHO DID THE FINEST WATCH REPAIRS IN HOLLAND --- AND THEN FORGOT TO SEND THE BILL!

AND I DREW STRENGTH FROM MY MEMORIES OF MAMA! IN THE END, HER SICK BODY BECAME A PRISON, BUT HER SPIRIT SOARED FREE!




MAMA'S LOVE HAD ALWAYS BEEN THE KIND THAT ACTED ITSELF OUT WITH SOUP POT AND SEWING BASKET ---
BUT WHEN THESE THINGS WERE TAKEN AWAY, THE LOVE SEEMED AS WHOLE AS BEFORE.!


SHE SAT AT HER CHAIR BY THE WINDOW AND LOVED US.!

SHE LOVED THE PEOPLE SHE SAW IN THE STREET--- AND BEYOND.!

HER LOVE TOOK IN THE CITY OF HAARLEM. THE LAND OF HOLLAND, THE WORLD.!

AND SO I LEARNED THAT LOVE IS LARGER THAN THE WALLS THAT SHUT IT IN.!

AND THEN REALITY REPLACED MEMORIES.! I FOLLOWED A GUARD THROUGH A LABYRINTH OF CORRIDORS ---
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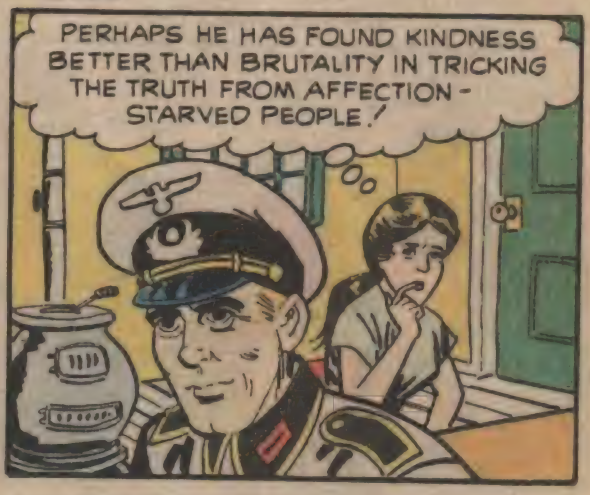
AFTER THREE MONTHS IN PRISON, MY INTERROGATION BEGAN---

HE SEEMED LIKE A KINDLY GERMAN HOUSEHOLDER ENTERTAINING A GUEST---



HE QUESTIONED ME FOR OVER AN HOUR---

FINALLY, HE TRIED A DIFFERENT APPROACH ---

MY OTHER ACTIVITIES ???
OH, YOU MEAN MY CHURCH FOR MENTALLY RETARDED PEOPLE?
I PLUNGED INTO AN EAGER ACCOUNT OF MY MINISTRY TO THE FEEBLE-MINDED!
WHAT A WASTE !!!
IF YOU WANT CONVERTS, SURELY ONE NORMAL PERSON IS WORTH ALL THE HALF-WITS IN THE WORLD!
IN THE BIBLE, I LEARN THAT GOD VALUES US NOT FOR OUR BRAINS OR OUR STRENGTH---
BUT SIMPLY BECAUSE HE MADE US!
WHO KNOWS---
IN GOD'S EYES, A HALF-WIT MAY BE WORTH MORE THAN A WATCHMAKER---
OR A LIEUTENANT!!!
THAT WILL BE ALL FOR TODAY!
I MADE A MISTAKE!
I SAID TOO MUCH!
AND YET, THE NEXT MORNING---
WE WILL CONTINUE YOUR QUESTIONING!
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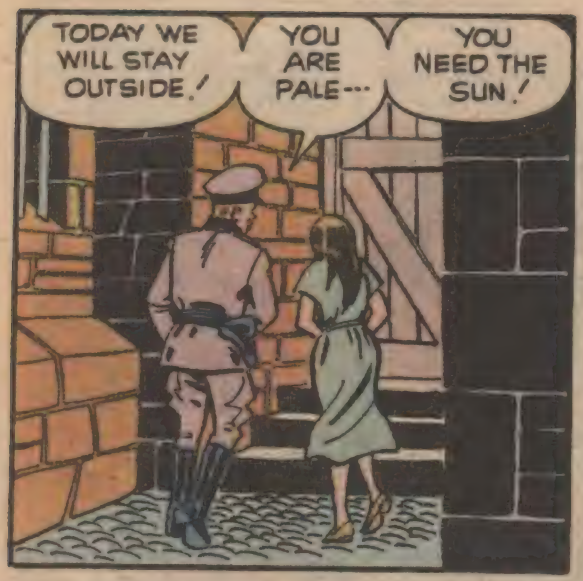

ALL AT ONCE HE WAS SPEAKING OF HIS FAMILY---

AS THE DAYS PASSED, THE LIEUTENANT DROPPED ALL PRETENSE OF QUESTIONING ME ON MY UNDERGROUND ACTIVITIES.'

HE EAGERLY LISTENED TO STORIES OF MY CHILDHOOD.'

I LOVED THE WEEKLY BUSINESS TRIPS TO AMSTERDAM WITH FATHER.'

FATHER WAS ALWAYS EAGER TO DISCUSS THE SCRIPTURES ON HIS VISITS TO WHOLESALERS---

HOW I ENJOYED LISTENING TO THESE MEN OF FAITH, COMPARING, STUDYING, AND REVELLING IN EACH OTHER'S COMPANY.'

HOW CAN YOU BELIEVE IN GOD *NOW?*

WHAT KIND OF A GOD WOULD LET YOUR FATHER DIE HERE - IN PRISON?

I REMEMBER ONCE ON THE TRAIN FROM AMSTERDAM---

I ASKED A QUESTION BEYOND MY YEARS---

FATHER, WHAT IS SEXSIN?

FATHER DIDN'T ANSWER ME.' INSTEAD HE PUT HIS TRAVELLING CASE IN FRONT OF ME.'
WILL YOU CARRY IT, CORRIE?
BUT IT'S TOO HEAVY.'
YES, IT WOULD BE A POOR FATHER WHO WOULD ASK HIS CHILD TO CARRY SUCH A LOAD.'
IT'S THE SAME WITH KNOWLEDGE, CORRIE---
SOME KNOWLEDGE IS TOO HEAVY FOR CHILDREN.'
WHEN YOU ARE OLDER AND STRONGER YOU CAN BEAR IT.'
FOR NOW YOU MUST TRUST ME TO CARRY IT FOR YOU.'
AND THAT IS MY ANSWER TO YOU, LIEUTENANT.'
I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY MY FATHER DIED IN THIS PLACE.'
BUT GOD HAS THE ANSWER !!!
MISS TEN BOOM, I WOULD LIKE TO HELP YOU---
THIS IS ALL I CAN DO---
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IT IS COMPACT SO YOU CAN WEAR IT AROUND YOUR NECK IN THIS POUCH!
BUT IF IT IS DISCOVERED, I WILL DENY GIVING IT TO YOU!
YOU NEED NOT WORRY, LIEUTENANT!
I WILL HIDE THIS BOOK IN MY HEART---
GOD WILL HIDE IT FROM OTHERS!
PRAY FOR ME, DEAR LADY---
I AM IN A PRISON STRONGER THAN THIS ONE!
THE NEXT DAY---
ALL OUT!
NO TALKING!
FORM RANKS OF FIVE!
NO ONE DARED TO SPEAK, BUT WE SILENTLY MOUTHED A WORD THAT SENT OUR HOPES SOARING!
IN-VA-SION!
SURELY THE ALLIES HAVE LANDED!
WHY ELSE WOULD THEY EMPTY THE PRISON?
AMONG THE HUNDREDS OF WOMEN, I SPOTTED A CHESTNUT BUN---
MY SISTER!
BETSIE!

BEFORE WE BOARDED THE TRAIN, I WAS ABLE TO REACH BETSIE---

OH, THANK GOD!

CORRIE!

AS THE LOADED TRAIN CLACKED THROUGH THE DARK NIGHT TOWARDS THE UNKNOWN, IT SEEMED THAT I COULD BEAR WHATEVER WAS TO COME WITH BETSIE BESIDE ME!

WE JERKED TO A STOP IN THE MIDDLE OF A WOODS, AND THEN ANOTHER LONG MARCH---

PRISONERS HALT!

EXPLAIN TO THE NEWCOMERS THE FUNCTION OF THE BUNKERS, FRAULEIN!

THE BUNKERS ACCOMMODATE THOSE WHO FAIL TO OBEY CAMP RULES!

THE ROOMS ARE COZY BUT SMALL!

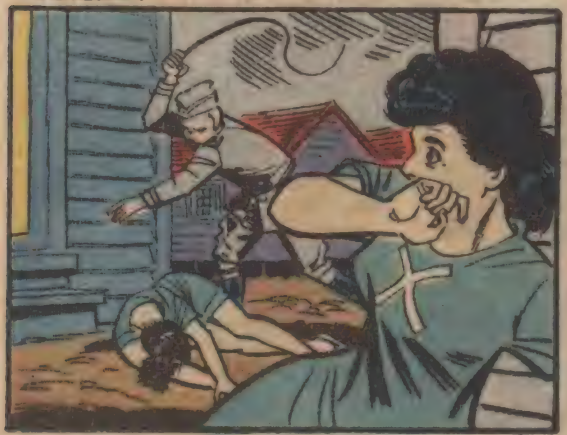
ABOUT THE SIZE OF A GYM LOCKER!

NOT EVERYBODY SEEMS TO APPRECIATE THEIR VISIT TO THE BUNKERS!

OUR BARRACKS WAS NEXT TO THE PUNISHMENT AREA! WE COULD HEAR THE SOUNDS OF HELL ITSELF!

OUR BIBLE BECAME THE CENTER OF AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF HELP AND HOPE! IT DESCRIBED THE WAY THINGS WERE – OF HELL AND HEAVEN - OF HOW MEN ACT--- AND HOW GOD ACTS!

WE READ HOW SOLDIERS ARRESTED JESUS AND FLOGGED HIM AND LAUGHED AT HIM--- NOW SUCH HAPPENINGS HAD FACES AND VOICES!



I REMEMBER WHEN I FIRST BECAME AWARE OF DEATH, MRS. WEIR---
I WAS JUST A CHILD---
FATHER!
I DON'T EVER WANT TO DIE!
CORRIE, WHEN YOU AND I GO TO AMSTERDAM---
WHEN DO I GIVE YOU YOUR TRAIN TICKET?
SOB,
J-JUST BEFORE WE GET ON THE TRAIN!
EXACTLY!
AND OUR WISE FATHER IN HEAVEN KNOWS WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO NEED THINGS, TOO---
Jesus loves me
WHEN THE TIME COMES FOR YOU TO FACE DEATH, HE WILL SUPPLY THE STRENGTH YOU NEED— JUST IN TIME!
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IF YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD, YOU DON'T HAVE TO FEAR DEATH.!
OUR PRESENT SUFFERING IS NOT WORTHY TO BE COMPARED WITH WHAT GOD HAS IN STORE FOR US.!
B--- BUT I'M NOT RELIGIOUS--- I ---
WHAT ARE THOSE SHOTS?
RIFLES.!!!
THE NAZIS ARE SHOOTING THE MALE PRISONERS.!
OH, NO.!
MY HUSBAND.!
NO.!!!
PRISONERS FALL OUT.!
WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO DO TO US?
WHAT ARE THOSE EXPLOSIONS IN THE DISTANCE?
THAT'S GERMAN DEMOLITION WORK.!
THE ALLIES MUST BE ADVANCING.!
MARCH.!
SCHNELL.!

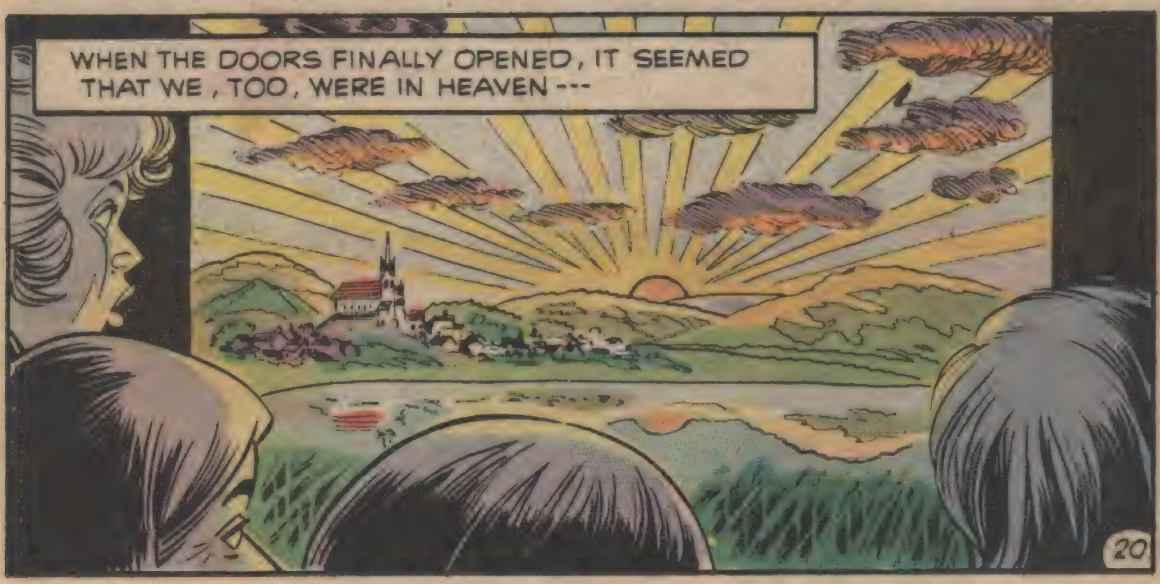
80 WOMEN WERE PACKED INTO CARS BUILT FOR 30!

WE WERE LOCKED IN THE CARS FOR FOUR DAYS! TRAVELLING FURTHER AND FURTHER INTO THE LAND OF OUR FEARS — GERMANY!

WORSE THAN THE CRUSH OF BODIES AND THE FILTH WAS A SINGLE OBSESSION---

TWICE WHEN THE TRAIN STOPPED A PAIL OF WATER WAS PASSED IN---

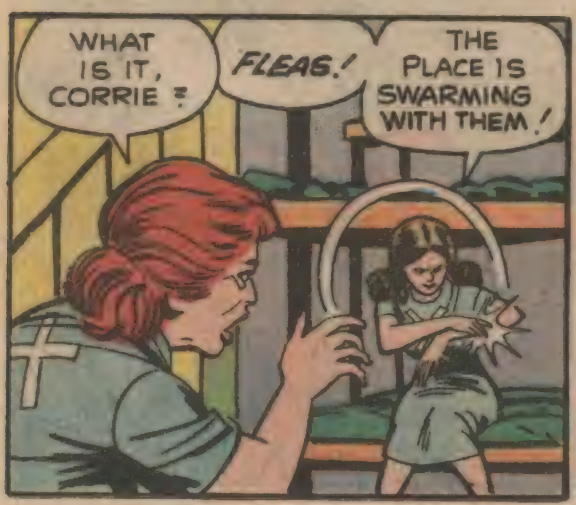
BUT WE HAD BECOME ANIMALS---



ONLY A HANDFUL OF SOLDIERS WERE NEEDED TO GUARD A THOUSAND WOMEN – WE COULD SCARCELY WALK, LET ALONE RESIST.!

CHILDREN RETURNED MY STARES WITH WIDE-EYED INTEREST --- BUT THE ADULTS ALL TURNED THEIR HEADS AS WE STRUGGLED BY ---

WE WERE ASSIGNED OUR BARRACKS AND ---



COMFORT THE FRIGHTENED··· HELP THE WEAK···
BE PATIENT WITH EVERYONE···
SEE THAT NONE OF YOU REPAYS EVIL FOR EVIL.!
READ ON.!
THERE'S MORE!
REJOICE ALWAYS, PRAY CONSTANTLY, GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES···
THAT'S IT, CORRIE.!
THAT'S HIS ANSWER···
GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES!
WE CAN START RIGHT NOW TO THANK GOD FOR EVERY SINGLE THING ABOUT THIS NEW BARRACKS.!
SUCH AS··· ???
SUCH AS BEING ASSIGNED HERE TOGETHER.!
OH, YES, LORD.!
SUCH AS WHAT YOU'RE HOLDING IN YOUR HANDS.!
THANK YOU THAT THERE WAS NO SEARCH WHEN WE ENTERED.!
THANK HIM FOR THE FLEAS AND FOR···
THE FLEAS ???

AND SO WE GAVE THANKS FOR FLEAS.! BUT THIS TIME I WAS SURE BETSIE WAS *WRONG*.!

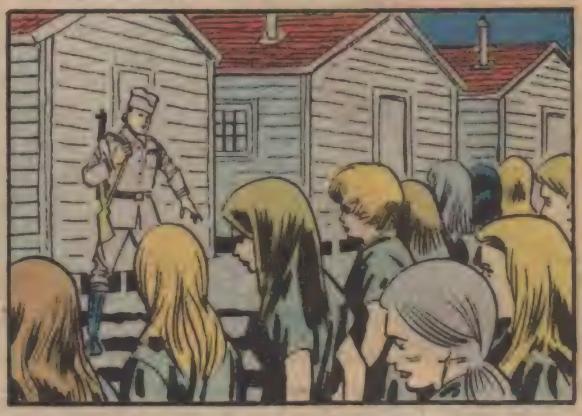
BUT BETSIE WAS *RIGHT*.! BECAUSE OF THE FLEAS, THE GUARDS AVOIDED OUR BARRACKS.!

THE LORD LIFTED ME OUT OF THE MISERY AND CRUELTY OF RAVENSBRUCK! I FELL ASLEEP TO A HIGHER ORDER OF THINGS.!

4 : 30 THE NEXT MORNING.!

IF WE HAPPENED TO BE STANDING IN A PUDDLE, WE WERE NOT ALLOWED TO MOVE OUT OF IT.!

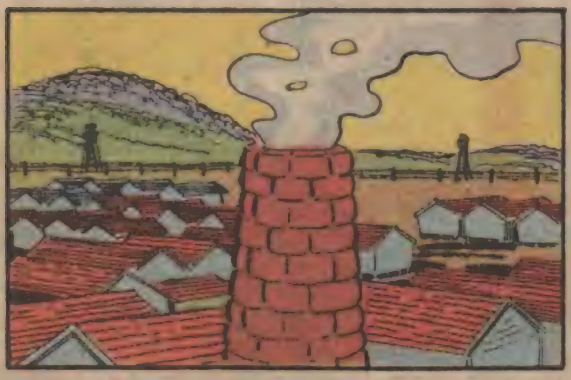
WE WERE KEPT STANDING FOR HOURS TO TIRE US, TO BREAK OUR SPIRITS AND TO WEAKEN OUR MORALE.!



WHIPS AND GUN BUTTS REMINDED US TO OBEY ALL RULES ---

BUT THERE WAS A GREATER TYRANNY---

AND THIS WAS THE GREAT PLOY OF SATAN IN THAT KINGDOM OF HIS— TO DISPLAY SUCH BLATANT EVIL THAT WE COULD ALMOST BELIEVE THAT OUR OWN SECRET SINS REALLY DIDN'T MATTER!

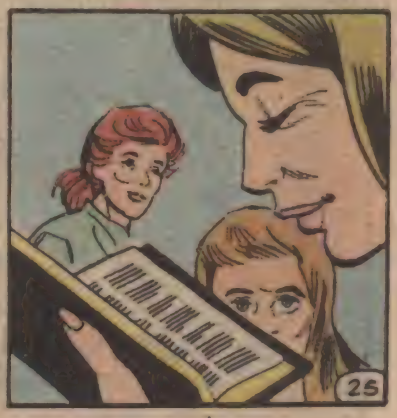


IT WAS EASY IN THIS CAMP TO BE SELFISH AND TO LACK LOVE!

BUT IN THE MIDDLE OF ALL THIS, GOD'S SPIRIT WAS TAKING HOLD OF CROWDED LIVES!

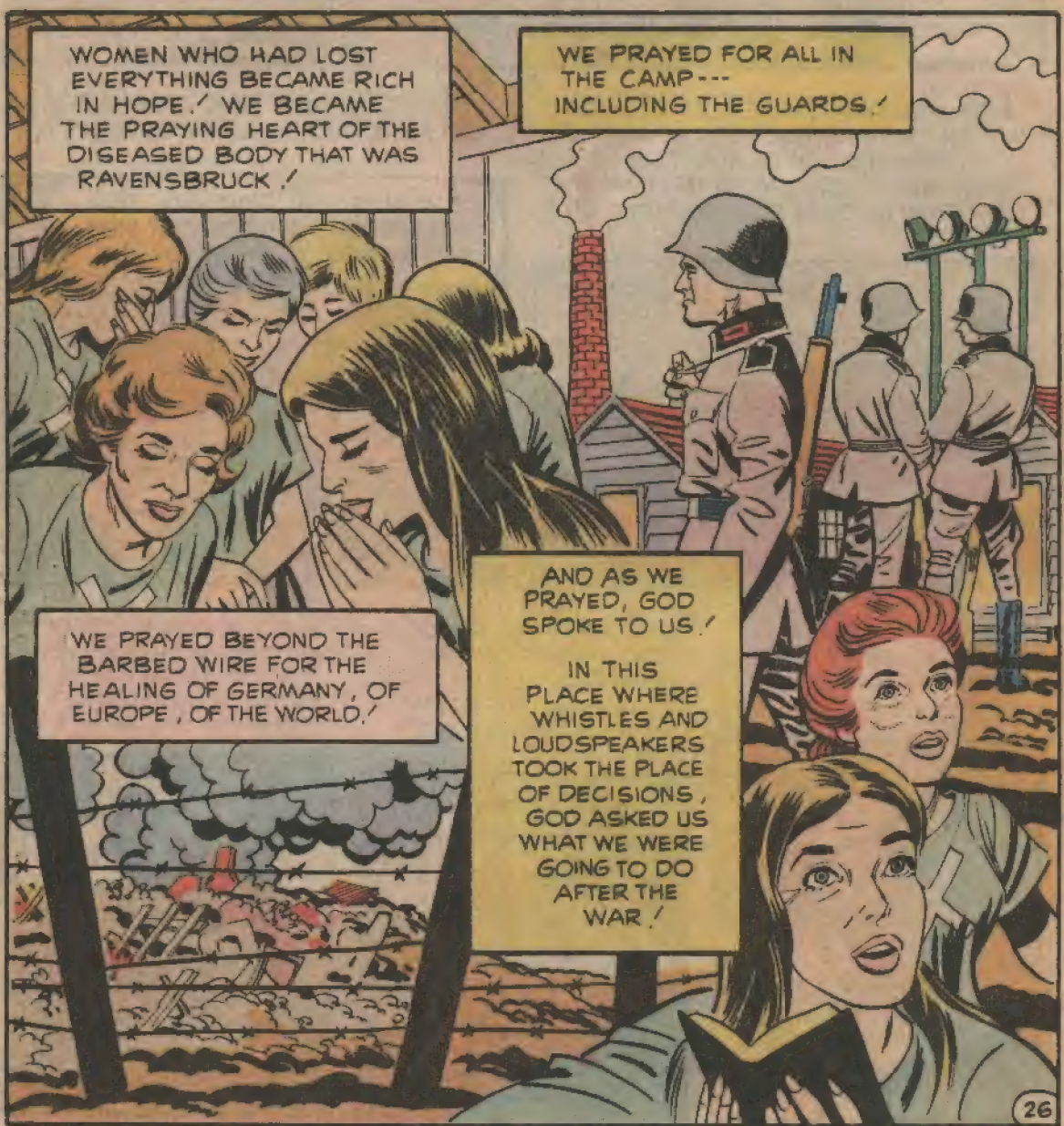
LIFE AT RAVENSBRUCK TOOK PLACE ON TWO SEPARATE LEVELS! THE EXTERNAL LIFE GREW MORE HORRIBLE EACH DAY---

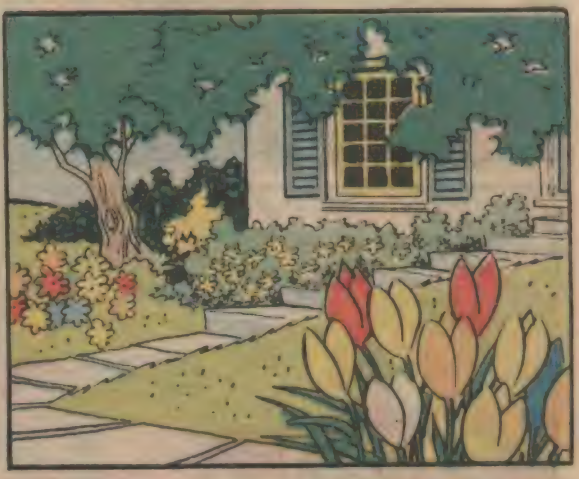
BUT THE OTHER, THE LIFE WE LIVED WITH GOD, GREW BETTER, TRUTH UPON TRUTH, GLORY UPON GLORY!



WHERE THERE HAD BEEN JEALOUSLY, IMPATIENCE AND ANGER, THERE WAS NOW UNDERSTANDING, TOLERANCE AND LOVE ---

WE SAT BY DEATHBEDS THAT BECAME DOORWAYS TO HEAVEN.!

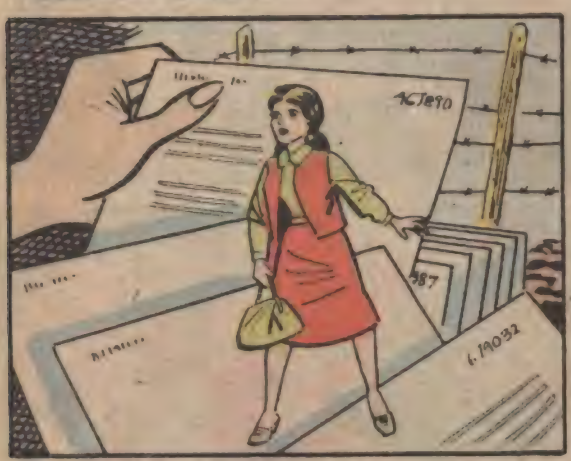




BUT THERE WERE GROWING SIGNS THAT BETSIE'S PHYSICAL STRENGTH COULD NOT MATCH HER SPIRIT!

EVEN AS HER HEALTH FAILED, BETSIE'S LOVE WAS CONSTANT---

MIRACULOUSLY, I WAS RELEASED FROM THE CAMP THROUGH A CLERICAL ERROR---



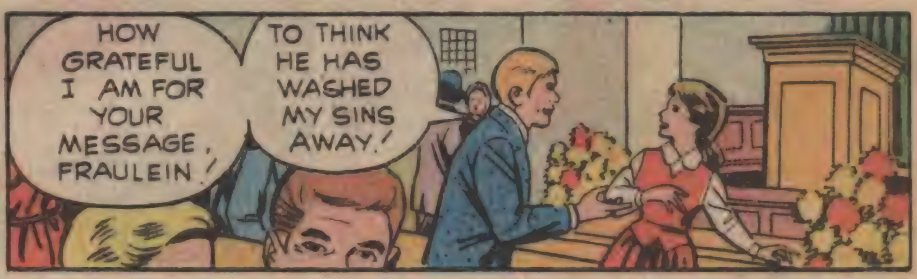
JUST ONE WEEK LATER, ALL WOMEN MY AGE WERE EXTERMINATED.!

SOON THE WAR WAS OVER---

BUT VERY FEW HEARTS FOUND PEACE.!

I TRAVELLED AROUND THE GLOBE SHARING GOD'S PROMISES AND PROVISIONS.!

ONE NIGHT--- AFTER I SPOKE IN A CHURCH IN GERMANY---



I WHO HAD PREACHED THE NEED TO FORGIVE, KEPT MY HAND AT MY SIDE.!

AND THEN I SAW MY OWN SIN! JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR THIS MAN! WAS I GOING TO ASK FOR MORE?

AS I TOOK HIS HAND, I FELT A LOVE THAT ALMOST OVER-WHELMED ME!

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